

Treasury Department

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 1854

Sir

You will please to make the best arrangement in your power, and those which will be most economical to the Government, for preparing the fusible alloy to be used to prevent accidents on Steam-boats.

Very Respectfully

James Buchanan

Sec. of Treasury.

To

James C. Booth Esq

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Philadelphia

P. S. If you have not seen a pamphlet lately published by C. Adams of Pittsburg, entitled "A Statement of Experiments upon the Temperature of Steam," I would suggest to you the propriety of procuring a copy of it. The author appears to have paid much attention to the subject of fusible alloys.



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